

## **PROCLAMATION**

## Declaring February 2022 Black History Month in Marysville

- WHEREAS, in 1976, President Gerald Ford named the first nationwide Black History Month to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history;" and
- WHEREAS, in that spirit, decades later, we stop to recognize and celebrate the significant roles African Americans have played in the history of our community, state and country; and
- WHEREAS, the theme of Black History Month 2022, "Black Health and Wellness," celebrates the legacy of Black scholars, medical practitioners and traditional caretakers such as doulas, midwives, naturopaths and herbalists whose work is dedicated to wellness; and
- WHEREAS, about 27,000 Snohomish County residents report Black or African American ethnicity; and
- WHEREAS, this month we honor our African American neighbors, their accomplishments and contributions, and together we celebrate the distinct influence they have on the cultural fabric of our city and surrounding communities.

NOW, THEREFORE I, JON NEHRING, MAYOR, on behalf of the City Council and our community, do hereby proclaim February 2022 as

## **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

in the City of Marysville. I encourage all residents of Marysville to recognize the significant and lasting contributions that African Americans bring to the success of our community.

Under my hand and seal this second day of February, 2022.

THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE

Jon Nehring, Mayor